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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 2929

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, PARM, IT

SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

REF: ROME 2265 (NOTAL)

1. NFA HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO FOCUS FULLY ON PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT YEARS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. FOLLOWING IS QUICK AND OFFHAND READOUT ON LIKELY AGENDA ITEMS FROM HEAD OF WOEFULLY UNDERMANNED MFA OFFICE OF DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS, MINISTER FERRETTI.

2. GOI ANTICIPATES THAT INDUSTRIALIZED STATES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FEND OFF THIRD WORLD PUSH FOR LINKAGE BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN SSOD. PROBLEM IS GOING TO BE HOW BEST TO CHANNEL DEBATES CONSTRUCTIVELY.

3. CHEMICAL WEAPONS MAY BE A FEATURE OF SSOD "PARTICULARLY IF
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US AND USSR ARE ABLE TO REACH EARLIER BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN KEY POINTS". THIS WOULD LIKELY PERMIT THE DRAFTING OF A CONVENTION ON CW PRIOR TO SSOD.

4. COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN WILL GET A LOT OF ATTENTION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY BUT WITH CONFIDENCE, FERRETTI SAID ITALY WOULD SUPPORT ANY "LOGICAL" PROPOSALS SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES (SEE ALSO

ROME 1985). ITALY AS A NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, HE SAID, IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH SUFFICIENT EXPERTISE TO MAKE INDEPENDENT, COMPREHENSIVE AND VALID ASSESSMENTS ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CTB, AND WOULD TRUST THE UNITED STATES JUDGEMENT. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF SPLIT VIEWS BETWEEN THE US AND ITALY'S OTHER "MAJOR ALLIES, SUCH AS UK AND FRG", ITALY WOULD TAKE A "MIDDLE OF THE ROAD" STANCE.

5. FERRETTI AFFIRMED THAT GOI HOPES TO BE CONSULTED, EARLY AND WELL, ON THESE ISSUES. HE FELT CONSULTATION SHOULD BE BOTH IN NATO AND BILATERALLY, THE LATTER WHEN NECESSARY TO AVOID FRENCH STICKINESS IN NATO.

6. COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE THAT AS THE SECOND PREPCON, IN MAY, GROWS NEARER THE MFA WILL BE COMING UP WITH A DEPPER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SSOD, ONE WHICH THEY WILL SHARE WITH US AS CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE.BEAUDRY

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